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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 5, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 6, 2002, the period for reply having been extended one (1) month to March 6, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A photothermographic material comprising at least (a) a photosensitive silver halide, (b) a silver salt of an organic acid, (c) a reducing agent and (d) a hydrophobic and thermoplastic organic binder on a support; and (e) a heat-fusible solvent that is solid at an ordinary temperature and can be fused at a heat development temperature;